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## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Preliminary to Examination on the merits, please amend the above-captioned patent application as follows:

## IN THE SPECIFICATION

On page 1 of the Specification after the Title of the Invention and before the Field of the Invention, on line 13, please insert + This U.S. National Phase application claims priority under 35 U.S.C. §371 of International Application PCT/BE98/00124, filed August 20, 1998, which claims priority of Belgian application BE 9700692, filed August 20, 1997.

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